In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh

C.W.P. No. 18996 of 2006

Date of Decision: 01.12.2006

Darshan Singh

…Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & others

…Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. KUMAR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

PRESENT: Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JUDGMENT

M.M. KUMAR, J. (Oral)

This petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution prays for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to pay the Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity to the petitioner along with interest @ 18% per annum from the date of his retirement till the date of payment.

For the relief claimed in the instant petition, the petitioner has already sent a legal notice, dated 1.4.2006 (P-1) to the respondents.

Without going into the merits of the case, we deem it just and appropriate to direct the respondents to take cognizance of the legal notice, dated 1.4.2006 (P-1) sent by the petitioner and decide the same expeditiously preferably within a period of two months from the date a certified copy of this order is presented to them. If the claim of the petitioner is found to be meritorious and decided in his favour then the benefit accruing to him shall be disbursed within a further period of two months thereafter. It shall be appreciated if a speaking order is passed.

Petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

(M.M. KUMAR)
JUDGE

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

December 1, 2006
Pkapoor